

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1063

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Malissa Herndon Barnett on her induction into the Gibson County Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as exceptional athletes and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Malissa “Missy” Herndon Barnett, who was recently honored with induction into the Gibson County Sports Hall of Fame with the Class of 2010, a most befitting recognition of her outstanding accomplishments in the arena of sports as a student-athlete; and

WHEREAS, this humbling honor is bestowed on those few extraordinary athletes whose dazzling feats in the sporting arena have caused them to shine brightly in the eyes of their many fans and supporters; and

WHEREAS, Missy Herndon Barnett starred as an exceptional player on the Gibson County High School (GCHS) basketball team from 1986 until 1990; and

WHEREAS, one of the best players to wear the GCHS uniform, she excelled at her position with her ability to catch the basketball under the goal and shoot her patented high percentage bank shot; and

WHEREAS, a prolific scorer, she not only helped lead the Lady Pioneers to the state tournament in 1989, but she also holds membership in the elite 1,000 point club; and

WHEREAS, during the game against Bolton in the 1989 TSSAA girl’s state basketball tournament, Missy Herndon Barnett made thirteen out of fourteen shots and posted a field goal

percentage of 92.8, setting a state tournament individual single game record which still stands today; in recognition of her record setting performance, she was named to the All-State Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, as a player with GCHS, she was selected three times to the All-Region team, twice to the All-District team, and she was selected to the All-State team her senior year; she was also selected as the Regional MVP her junior and senior years; and

WHEREAS, during her stellar three-year career as a collegiate basketball player for Lambuth University in Jackson, Tennessee, she recorded 635 rebounds, scored 1,679 points, and posted a 93 percent free throw average her senior year, earning All-Conference honors, All-District honors, All-TCAL honors, and she was named an Honorable Mention All-American her junior and senior years; and

WHEREAS, her many esteemed accomplishments aside, Missy Herndon Barnett is most appreciative of the love and support of her family, especially her daughter, Sidney; and

WHEREAS, Missy Herndon Barnett, a woman of true character and commitment, exemplifies dedication and leadership, and she is admired by her fellow Tennesseans for her tireless efforts to excel, always guided by solid principles and high standards, whether in the athletic arena or in the actions of her daily life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the family, friends, colleagues, former teammates, former coaches, and many fans of Malissa Herndon Barnett in congratulating her upon her induction into the Gibson County Sports Hall of Fame with the Class of 2010, commend her for her substantial legacy as an athlete, and offer our deep appreciation for the dedication that she has shown our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.